

**Intel® Pentium® II Processor**  
**FLOTHERM\* Thermal Model**

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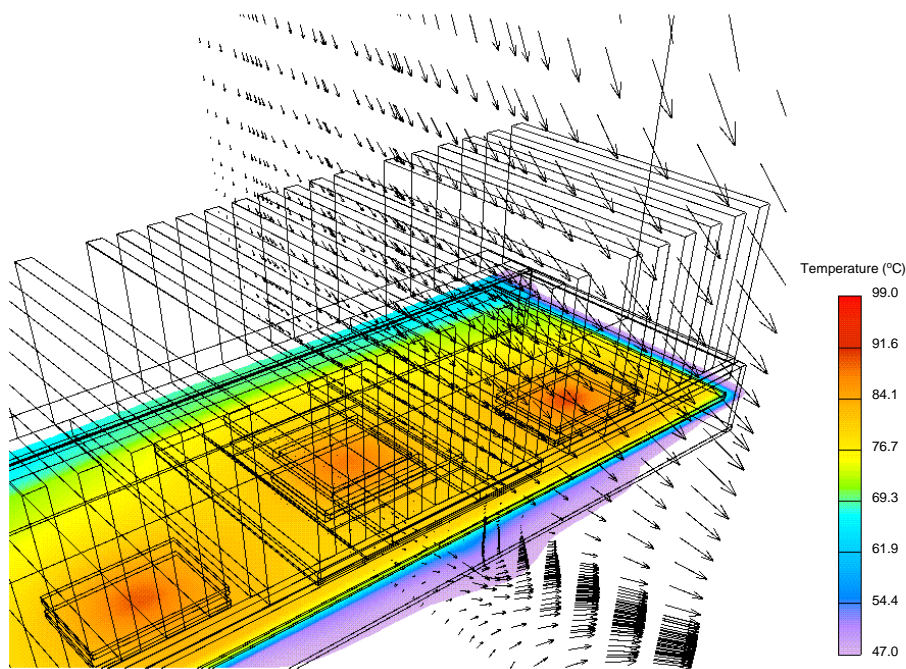
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## Introduction

The Pentium® II processor is the next processor in the family of Intel Architecture microprocessors. The Pentium II processor extends the power of the Pentium® Pro processor, adds the capabilities of MMX™ media enhancement technology and incorporates the new Single Edge Contact (S.E.C.) cartridge packaging technology.

To address many of the challenges in the development of cooling systems for the Pentium II processor, Intel® and Flomerics\* have developed a compact FLOTHERM\* thermal model of the Pentium II processor. Technical support for FLOTHERM thermal modeling using the Pentium II processor FLOTHERM thermal model is available directly from Flomerics, the developers of FLOTHERM.

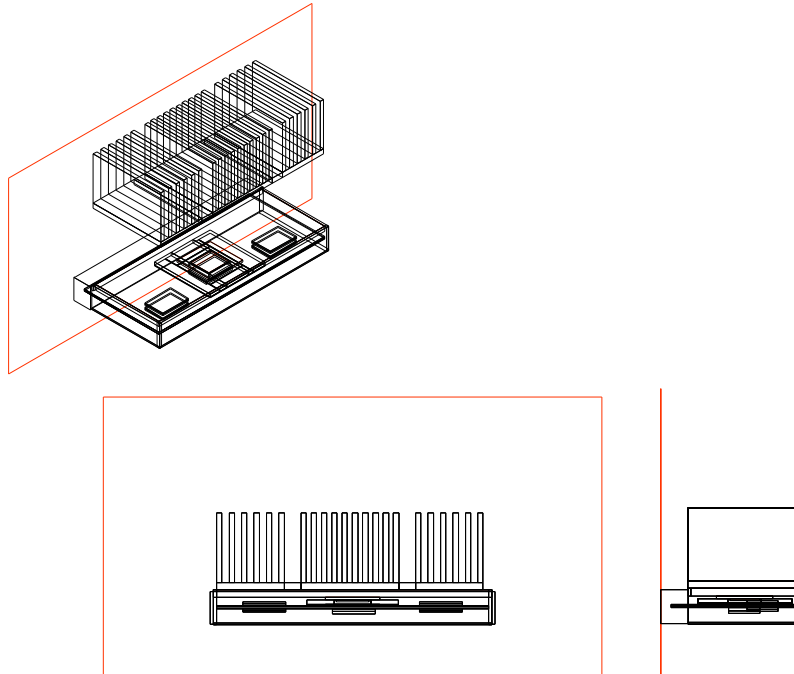


*Figure 1 - Results from a FLOTHERM\* Simulation using the Pentium® II Processor Thermal Model*

## Technical Background

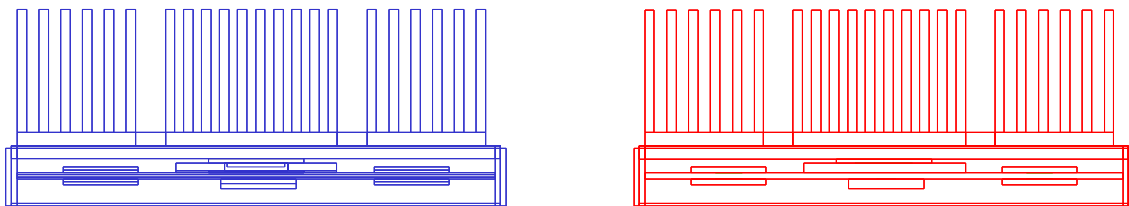
Few engineers in the computer industry will question the importance of sound thermal design. In the past much of the work was done in the labs using prototype or pre-production hardware. Today, dramatically reduced development cycle times and increasingly tight specifications now require that this work be done as far forward in the design cycle as possible.

FLOTHERM is a CFD tool from Flomerics which enables designers to create computational models of designs and carry out numerical “experiments” before committing to hardware or creating prototypes. Widely used in the electronics industry, the FLOTHERM software is well validated and its accuracy has been proven in numerous real-life applications. More details can be found by contacting Flomerics.



*Figure 2 - Detailed FLOTHERM Model of the Pentium® II Processor with a Typical Heatsink*

In the past, system designers had to create thermal models of processors for themselves. To reduce design time, Intel and Flomerics have embarked on an initiative to make things simpler by creating thermal models for direct delivery to system designers.



*Figure 3 - Comparison of Detailed and Compact FLOTHERM Models of the Pentium® II Processor*

One of the original objections to the use of this technology has been the complexity of the models. It is difficult, if not impossible, to represent all of the small scale details of a processor whilst doing complete system analysis. However, recent advances in modeling by Flomerics now mean that all the important factors affecting the thermal behavior of the component can be encapsulated in a “compact” model. This model has significantly lower complexity than a full model of the processor but still yields accurate answers. The compact model of the Pentium II processor has been validated against both a detailed model and experimental results for accuracy.

The FLOTHERM models of heatsinks available for use with the Pentium II processor are available from a number of heatsink vendors. Contact Flomerics for details on heatsink model availability.

Note: Power supply and ISA/PCI cards not shown.

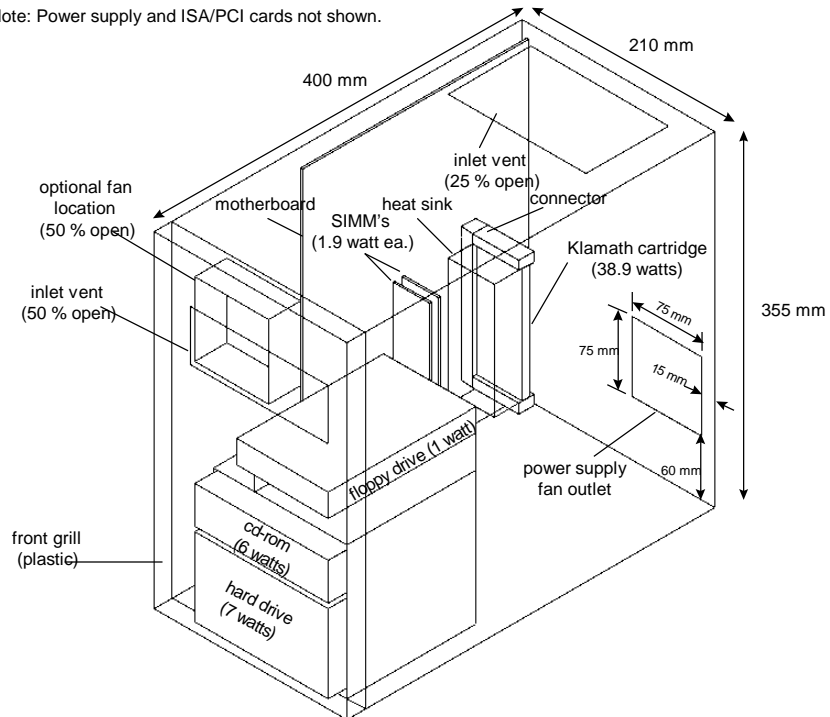


Figure 4a - Representative Pentium® II Processor ATX Form Factor Chassis

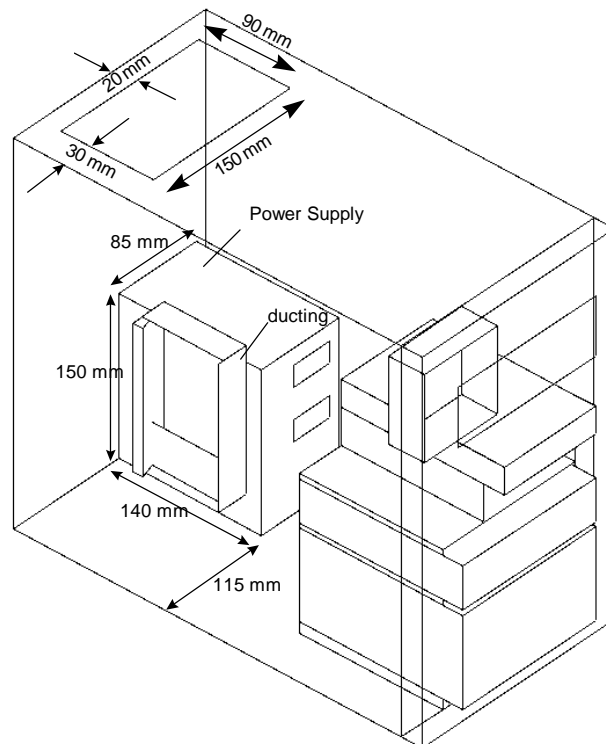
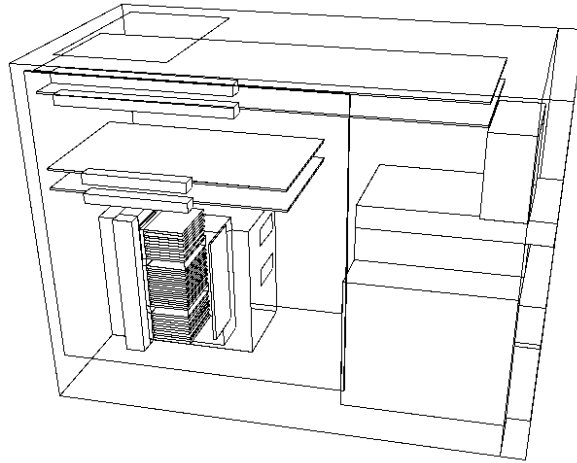
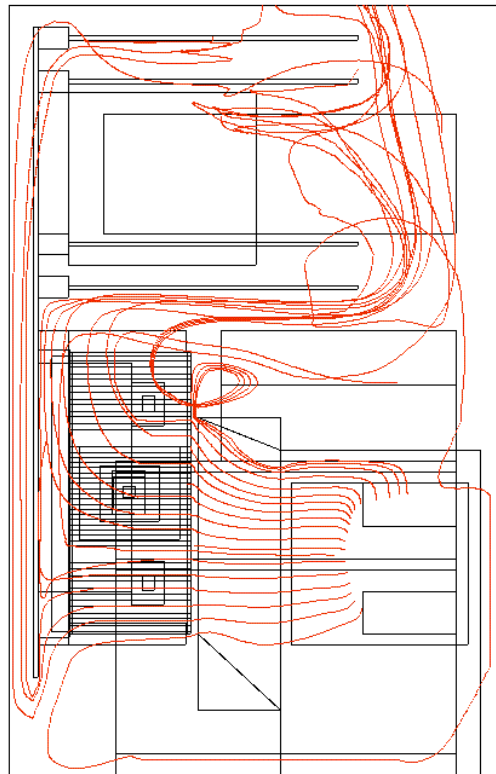


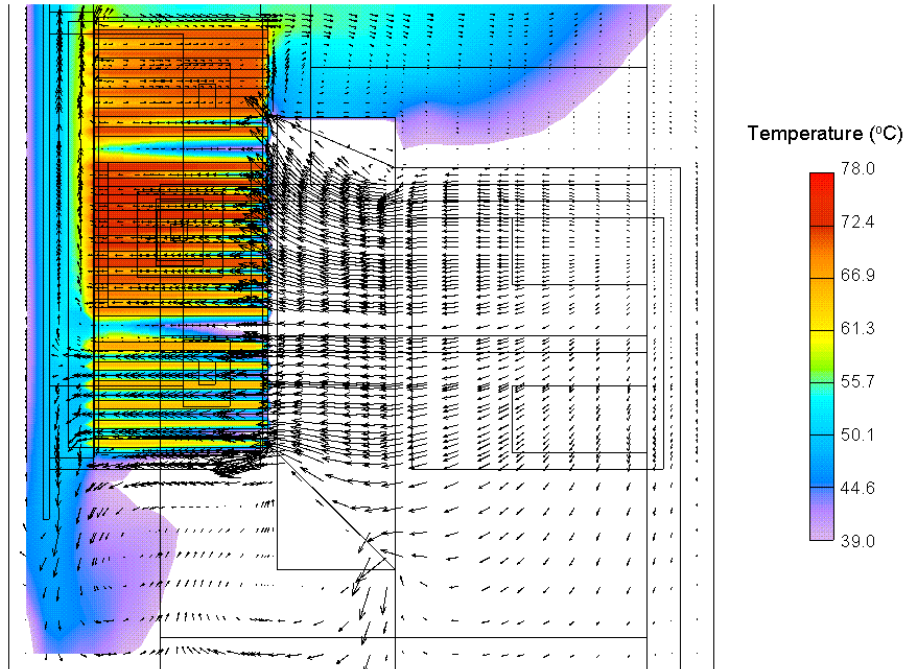
Figure 4b - Representative Pentium® II Processor ATX Form Factor Chassis



*Fig 5a.*



*5b.*



*Fig. 5c.*

*Figure 5 - Results for the Pentium® II Processor in a Representative ATX Form Factor Chassis*  
*a) General View of the Geometry (motherboard transparent for clarity*  
*b) Streamlines for flow passing through the processor heatsink*  
*c) Temperatures and flows in the vicinity of the processor heatsink*



## Delivery and Support Arrangements

### ***Obtaining the Pentium II Processor Thermal Model***

The Pentium II processor FLOTHERM thermal model is available at the Intel Developer Internet Site, <http://developer.intel.com>.

### ***Technical Support***

Technical support on the use of the FLOTHERM software package, the Pentium II processor FLOTHERM model and in interpreting results is available directly from Flomerics and authorized distributors. Contact details are as follows:

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